

This is outrageous, the NAB's position on local traffic and weather is absolutely contrary to the very basic principles of the Constitution and the American Way of life, access to information regardless of who provides it to the American public. XM Radio's local traffic and weather is by far a better way to get up to the minute information for my area since all of the local broadcasters transmit is commercials. When I need to know why the highway I'm getting ready to turn on to and add to the congestion is backed up, I can't wait on the side of the road to find a station that might be broadcasting traffic info. The chances are that no one will be and I'll have to just get in the traffic mess with everyone else, again adding to the problem. The NAB should be putting together competitive programs for it membership to provide the consumer with the information we need and not using LOBBYIST to squelch competition. We, the XM subscribers, pay for these services and it should not be up to the NAB to tell us what we can have access to.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and ask that the FCC support our free market economy and not help the NAB hold back progress and growth of a already troubled industry.